INDIAN TRIBE RECOGNITION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes, focusing on local municipalities and communities and tax and zoning issues, and casino gaming, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Lieberman; Representatives Shays, Simmons, and Nancy Johnson; Mary L. Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, and Lee Fleming, Director of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, Hartford; Richard L. Velky, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, Derby, Connecticut; Stephen R. Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Charles City, Virginia; John Barnett, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Longview, Washington; Kathleen J. Bragdon, College of William and Mary Department of Anthropology, Williamsburg, Virginia; and Ken Cooper, Town Action to Save Kent, South Kent, Connecticut.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began mark-up of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 69 public bills, H.R. 2248-2316; 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 149-150, and H. Res. 271-274 were introduced. Pages H3196-98

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3198-99

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Daniel P. Gallagher, Pastor, Edon Church of Christ in Edon, Ohio.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1268: S. Con. Res. 31, correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1268.

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Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1279, to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, by a yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 168.

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Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 167.

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Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed:

Sensenbrenner manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–76), as modified, that makes a number of substantive and technical changes to the bill;

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Cuellar amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–76) that establishes a National Gang Intelligence Center at the FBI; Pages H3147–48

Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–76) that establishes funding for regional databases that track gang activity in high intensity gang areas;

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Watson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–76) that requires the Attorney General to seek input from local elected officials before designating an area as a "High-Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Area";

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Watson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–76) that adds 100 new inspectors and 100 new agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to be assigned to the new High-Intensity Interstate Gang Activty Areas;

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Wynn amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–76) that authorizes the Attorney General to conduct a media campaign about the changes in penalties;

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Norwood amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires DHS to provide to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice information on three categories of illegal aliens;

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Goodlatte amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that adds five years to any sentence for violent crimes or drug trafficking offenses when the violator is an illegal alien (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 165); and

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Norwood amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that requires a study to be conducted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security on the link of illegal aliens and gang membership (by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 31 noes, Roll No. 166).

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Withdrawn:

Waters amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept 109–76) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike all sections of the bill that sets mandatory minimum sentences. Page H3154

H. Res. 268, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 164.

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Emergency Recess: The Speaker announced an emergency recess at 12:05 p.m. The House reconvened at 1:35 p.m., and the chair announced that the roll call vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 268 would remain open for an additional 15 minutes.

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Statement regarding the Emergency Recess: The Majority Leader addressed the House regarding the emergency recess.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3133, H3158, H3158–59, H3160–61, H3161. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Treasury Department. Testimony was heard from Randal Quarles, Acting Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Sub-committee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

SECURITY CONSUMER DATA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Security Consumers' Data: Options Following Security Breaches." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.